



The team from Naptali Henriquez Land and Sea Scouts are headed for London and the International Scouting Jamboree!

Each weekend of this past month has seen the elimination rounds of various scouting troops until the final showdown of the winning teams took place over last week's October Vacation. Three teams competed by camping out in the wilds of Arikok National Park for five days, and in the Aruban version of a survival competition, which was titled "SurFIVE" they showed who had the skills, determination and teamwork to be named the winners.

Live updates were broadcast sporadically on TeleAruba, channel 13, and the winners announce last night. The show's host and originator, Sergio Cordeiro, a former scout himself, did the honors and named the Naptali Henriquez Land and Sea Scouts as the winners. Francois Angela, Eldrick Hasham, Dwight Ras, Jimmy Dijkoff, and Caesar Quandis, accompanied by their rooster mascot "Punki" proudly accepted their reward, which is an all expense paid trip to the International Scouts Jamboree in London, England.

Part of the competition, an imitation of the "Survival" series was for the troops to also vote on two members that would be eliminated from the group of six because they did not contribute sufficiently to the success of the team. A total of twenty eight exercises tested the scouts physically and mentally. Surprisingly enough, the top team during the Boa Catching competition was the all girl team of Arave, who brought back five boa constrictors found in the environs of the park, while the other all boy teams brought back none.

Host Sergio Cordeiro reports that the scouts "Started out with great enthusiasm, but started to "wilt" around mid-week, with the final trek from the park to the TV station they got their energy back, very similar to a long distance runner seeing the finish line up ahead."

The staff of THE NEWS offers their congratulations to the winning team; have a wonderful time in London, England!